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TAYLOR IS OCTOBER GUEST

U.S. Representative Gene Taylor is the scheduled speaker at our next luncheon meeting at noon on Thursday, October 20 at the Lobrano House, Cue Street, Bay St. Louis.

Congressman Taylor's subject is "Inside the Beltway."

Please, for reservations, at \$5, call 467-4090.

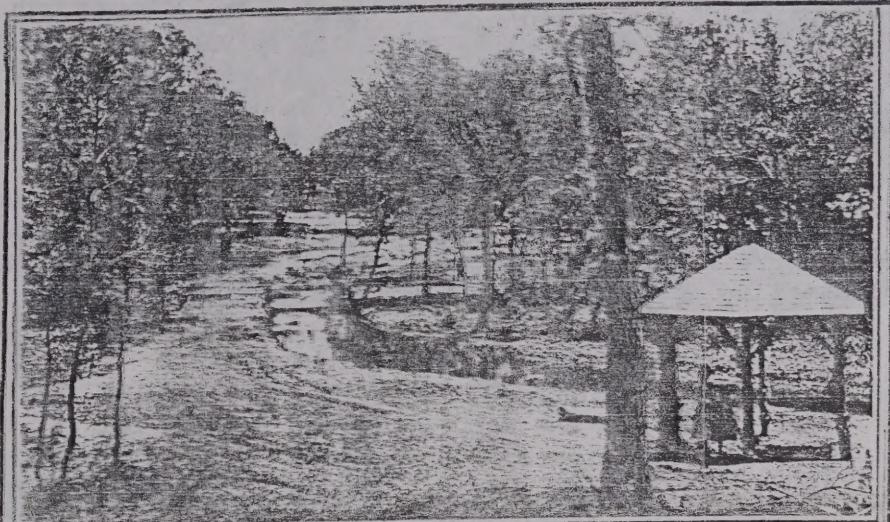
PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

"The best laid plans of mice and men"....get rained out.

The Gulf Coast Wooden Boat Rendezvous which we sponsored at Casino Magic Harbor on October 8th & 9th is over. That is the good news. The bad news is that we made a great deal less money than we had hoped. We paid all bills and made about 500 dollars profit. This will necessarily delay the time schedule for construction on the Lobrano House addition. We will have to find another way to raise the twenty thousand dollars more that we need for construction.

Casino Magic was very cooperative in providing their harbor and grounds for our show. They also

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This 1908 Postcard depicts "Saint Roch Spring" in Bay Saint Louis. Anyone know where it was?

ELECTION WARNING

The man who votes for Harrison is dishonest because he'll be supporting a man who conducted a dishonest administration. He who votes for any of the Presidential candidates except Cleveland is liable to dig up his grandmother at midnight and steal the coppers off her eyes. He is liable to pawn his wife's false teeth, and it would not be surprising to have him sell his wife. Be Democratic, good friends, and vote Democratic to preserve the land of the Stars and Stripes. (Sea Coast Echo, Sep. 3, 1892)

DIMES SHOULD JINGLE

Small silver has been posed to attempt an important and much needed change in small currency, by calling in the inconvenient paper currency of a lower denomination through 25 cents, issuing in exchange small silver.

It would be a very pleasing thing to handle a little hard money just now, even if we were obliged to content ourselves with dimes and half-dimes. It is a question, however, whether specie hoarders would keep it from circulation.

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(President, from page 1) catered the food and drinks with a generous percent of the cost of each item kept for the Historical Society. Our volunteers worked the ticket booths, shirt sales and general overseeing of operations. Casino Magic was a most generous and hospitable host and we appreciate their help.

ABC Rentals donated use of a candy-stripped tent for our booth. It was wonderful, twice; in the sunshine and the rain.

The "boat people" were pleasant and delightful, even in the deluge that fell all day Sunday. We closed up at noon, presented the awards, folded our tents and departed. It didn't rain out the happy, cheerful volunteers, it rained out the patrons: Volunteers 100, Patrons 0.

Thank you, volunteers. No group ever tried harder to make a success of a show. However, do not despair. We will simply re-group and find another way to get the money for construction.

Charles Gray, President

T-SHIRTS FOR SALE

A small quantity of the Boat Rendezvous T-shirts are available (at cost) to members - \$10.00.

REV. ROBERT NEVILLE SAMS

We extend our deep sympathies to the family and friends of the late Rev. Robert Neville Sams of Greater Mount Zion AME Church in Pearlington.

(Change, from page 1)

When the greenbacks first appeared, the small change went out of sight in a twinkling. It is not likely that it has been exported to any extent, but it will do to hide in stockings, and to speculation, as well as coin of more value. There can be little doubt that there is enough of small silver in the country for the wants of trade, but it has gone out of sight with the halves and quarters.

There is the same present need for large silver - indeed, it is more necessary because of the counterfeit 25s and 50s in circulation.

The small paper currency is bad enough, but if that should be withdrawn, we should soon have to depend on tickets and postage stamps as of old, before the little shins plasters appeared.

(New Orleans Times, June 30, 1865)

HOW TO TRAP A GOPHER

The gopher is found in this neighborhood. The mode of taking them, described by Judge Ebenezer Ford, is original.

A common land terrapin is provided and placed at the hole of the burrow of the gopher, which it enters and is speedily driven out by the gopher, who follows him above ground where he is captured by the expectant hunter.

(Benjamin L. D. Wailes's Journal, Thursday, August 12, 1852.)

SKIP AND JUMP TO THE PASS

There being no land route to Pass Christian without making a wide circuit around the Bay of St. Louis, over a very bad road, through the dreary pine woods, requiring two days' travel, we crossed by carriage horses over in the afternoon in the mail boat "Oregon" and landed at dusk at Pass Christian. Could not get my carriage off the wharf till near eleven o'clock. Put up at Mansion House - miserable fare and accommodations.

Traveled ten miles
Expenses at Shieldsboro
\$9.00

Ditto at Pass Christian,
including Wharfage of
\$3.50

Passage \$6.00
Total \$18.50

(Benjamin L. D. Wailes's Journal, 1852)

[Editor's Note: From 1929 to 1953, the wooden bridges burned regularly, so travel wasn't so assured then either.]

ROGER'S VERY SAD

Little Roger Combel mourns the loss of his bank savings of \$1.40 this week. The money was lost between the Waverly cottage [214 S. Beach Boulevard, south of Merchants Bank] and Apothecary street [today's State Street]. Now that the finder will know this, we know that it would be against their feeling (if they possess any) to keep silent. (Sea Coast Echo,

OUCH!!!

A few evenings since, I was at a swamp station of the Mobile & Chattanooga Railroad waiting for the train. The mosquitoes took advantage of the situation and presented their bills without hesitation.

"Mosquitoes terrible," I said, slapping right and left. "I killed nine that shot."

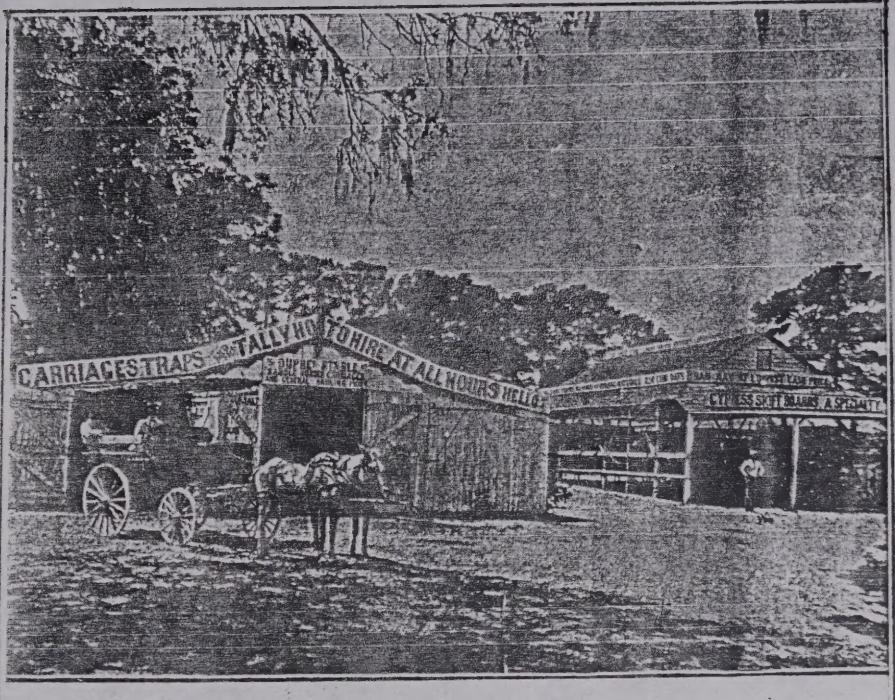
"They're gallinippers, ain't they," inquired a bystander.

"I s'pose they're called gallinippers," said an Irishman present, "because they can take a gallon at a nip."

"That's good," put in another, "but this ain't nothin' to the Jackson Railroad between Manchac and Kenner. Why I've seen 'em so thick there that they had to stop the cars and drive 'em out so's to give the passengers room to breathe!"

"Off Cat Island is the place for mosquitoes," said another. "I've seen 'em down there that boot leather would never worry. They'd tap your blood vessels through the thickest boot you ever saw."

"Down here in the swamp they're good sized ones," said another. "I've seen 'em there with bills six inches long and monstrous sized bodies. Why, we was out there one time and run short of provisions, and our cook just turned to and made a mosquito pot pie - it wasn't bad neither." (New Orleans Times, Mar. 1871)



DUPRE'S LIVERY STABLES.

SHEEP SHORTAGE

Stock sheep cannot be had in this part of the State for less than four dollars a head, and they are scarce at that price. (Summit Conservative Times, 1876)

FINE FALL CROP

The Sweet Potato crop all through Hancock County has been a perfect success this season. We have seen some very large yields and some very large specimens.

Sea Island Cotton, also, is very fine this year, even though the yield is not very large. This crop needs deep plowing with a generous application of manure - two things it seldom gets on the coast. (Bay St. Louis Gazette, Dec. 24, 1870)

CONSIGNMENT SHOP CLOSING

Our volunteers perform myriad tasks around Lobrano House, leaving little time for Shieldsboro Antiques. The board voted to close the shop effective Oct. 31.

LOBRANO HOUSE HOURS

Mon.	8 to 4	Thur.	8 to 4
Tue.	8 to 4	Fri.	2 to 4
Wed.	2 to 4	Sat.	8 to 4

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